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8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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11 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

12 Plaintiff,

13 vs.

14 JULIO SANDOVAL,

15 Defendant.
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Case No. 1:22-cr-00233-JLT-SKO

**MOTION FOR TRAVEL ASSISTANCE;
ORDER**

17 JULIO SANDOVAL, through his undersigned counsel, hereby moves this Court for an
18 order directing the United States Marshal to furnish Mr. Sandoval with the cost of travel from
19 Mount Pleasant, Arkansas, to Fresno, California, so that he may attend court in Fresno all
20 proceedings related to his upcoming trial scheduled on July 8, 2025.

21 Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 4285, a judge may direct the United States Marshal to assist an
22 out-of-custody defendant with the cost of traveling to a required court appearance. *See* 18 U.S.C.
23 § 4285. Prior to making such an order, the judge must first make a finding that the defendant is
24 financially unable to provide transportation on their own and that the interests of justice would
25 be served by requiring the United States Marshal to assist with transportation costs. *Id.* If the
26 judge makes the required findings, the United States Marshal must either arrange for the
27 defendant's transportation or furnish the cost of transportation and, additionally, furnish the
28 defendant with subsistence expenses incurred in traveling to the court appearance. *Id.*

1 In this case, Mr. Sandoval, who is out of custody, has a trial in Fresno on July 8, 2025, at
2 8:30 a.m. Mr. Sandoval lives in Arkansas. Mr. Sandoval currently is employed at a Ford
3 Dealership, where he works on car transmissions; in that capacity he makes approximately \$4000
4 per month. Mr. Sandoval does not have any significant savings. Moreover, Mr. Sandoval has a
5 very large family that he is financially responsible for. In total he has 9 children, 6 of which are
6 under the age of 18. Mr. Sandoval has many recurring monthly payments. His car payment,
7 phone bill, internet bill and weekly groceries account for nearly all of his earnings. Mr. Sandoval
8 is “financially unable to provide the necessary transportation to appear before the required court
9 on [his] own” under § 4285. In light of the circumstances set forth in the attached declaration
10 regarding Mr. Sandoval’s current financial circumstances, Mr. Sandoval requests that the Court
11 make the required findings under 18 U.S.C. § 4285 and direct the United States Marshal to pay
12 his travel and subsistence expenses so he may attend court in Fresno on all matters where he is
13 ordered to appear related to his July 8, 2025 trial.

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15 Respectfully submitted,

16 HEATHER E. WILLIAMS
17 Federal Defender

18 Dated: May 2, 2025

19 /s/ Griffin Estes
20 GRIFFIN ESTES
21 Assistant Federal Defender
22 Attorney for Defendant
23 JULIO SANDOVAL
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ORDER

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 4285, the Court directs the United States Marshal to either arrange transportation or furnish JULIO SANDOVAL with the cost of travel from Batesville, Arkansas, to Fresno, California, so that he may attend all court proceedings in Fresno related to his July 8, 2025, trial. Additionally, the United States Marshal shall provide Mr. Sandoval with subsistence expenses for this travel period not to exceed the amount authorized as per diem allowance for travel under 5 U.S.C. § 5702(a).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: May 2, 2025


UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

DECLARATION OF GRIFFIN ESTES

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2 I, Griffin Estes, declare as follows:

3 1. I am an attorney admitted to practice before this Court and am employed as an
4 Assistant Federal Defender.

5 2. The Federal Defender has been appointed to represent Defendant Julio Sandoval
6 in the above-entitled case, and I have been assigned to represent him.

7 3. Based on my representation with Mr. Sandoval, I am aware of Mr. Sandoval's
8 personal financial circumstances. Mr. Sandoval currently lives in Batesville, Arkansas. He works
9 at Riser Harness Ford in Searcy, Arkansas. He works on commission. Based on my
10 conversations with him, I am aware of his monthly income and expenses. His wife is a
11 homemaker and is currently not formally employed. Together they have 6 children under the age
12 of 18. Mr. Sandoval is the sole financial provider for his family. Mr. Sandoval is unable to afford
13 the expenses associated with traveling to Court and paying for his lodgings during the
14 proceedings.
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16 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on
17 May 2, 2025, at Fresno, California.

18 /s/ Griffin Estes
19 GRIFFIN ESTES, Declarant
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